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SOUTH CAROLINA EGG PRODUCTION DOWN

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 93 million eggs during September, down 4 percent from last year, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Production totaled 71 million table eggs and 22 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,404,000 birds, down 5 percent from 4,643,000 a year ago. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,112 eggs, compared with 2,089 in 2009.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.48 billion during September 2010, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.43 billion table eggs, and 1.05 billion hatching eggs, of which 980 million were broiler-type and 70 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2010 averaged 337 million, up 1 percent from last year. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,218 eggs, up slightly from September 2009.

SOUTH CAROLINA BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION INCREASES SLIGHTLY

During the month of September, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 20.0 million chicks, up 2 percent from last year's 19.6 million chicks.

The UNITED STATES Broiler-type chicks hatched during September 2010 totaled 761 million, up 3 percent from September 2009. Eggs in incubators totaled 621 million on October 1, 2010, up 6 percent from a year earlier.